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## CAMBODIAN COMMUNITY



Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn honors members of the Cambodian community in her Long Beach area district on the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide during Tuesday's supervisors meeting in Los Angeles on March 25.

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## County supervisors commemorate 50th anniversary of genocide

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The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors gathered several representatives of Long Beach's Cambodian community on Tuesday to commemorate the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Cambodian genocide.

Long Beach became a second home for Cambodians in the early 1980s — after hundreds of thousands of refugees flocked to the United States seeking safety from the brutality of the communist Khmer Rouge.

The Cambodian genocide killed nearly 2 million people. Long Beach is now home to the largest population of Cambodians outside of the country itself. About 4% of Long Beach's 480,000 total population are Cambodian Americans.

April 17 will mark the 50th anniversary of the start of the Cambodian genocide.

"While many Cambodian Americans continue to cope with the atrocities they witnessed and experienced, the thriving Cambodian community in Long Beach is a testament to the perseverance and unbreakable spirit of the Cambodian people, who have reestablished their communities and enhanced the cultural diversity of our county, of our state, of our nation," Supervisor Janice Hahn said March 25,



Monks arrive to the Los Angeles County Supervisors meeting where members of the Cambodian community in Supervisor Janice Hahn's Long Beach area district were honored the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide on March 25.

The Board of Supervisors last week also adopted two motions, one recognizing April as Cambodian Heritage Month and one recognizing the 50th anniversary of the genocide.

The board, alongside leaders from more than 20 Cambodian community groups,

gathered during the Tuesday meeting to officially commemorate the anniversary of the Cambodian genocide.

"We will never forget the atrocity committed by the Khmer Rouge regime," said

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## OBITUARY

### McDougal, best-selling author, former P-T writer, dies in car crash

He and his wife, Sharon, were traveling to L.A. from their home in Tennessee

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Dennis McDougal, a former staff writer for the Press-Telegram and Press-Enterprise — and a best-selling true crime author — has died. He was 77.

McDougal and his wife, Sharon McDougal, were traveling to Los Angeles from their home near Memphis, Tennessee, on March 21, when they were involved in a car crash on the westbound 10 Freeway, about 2 miles east of Red Cloud Mine Road in Desert Center.

Neither Cal Fire nor the California Highway Patrol responded to requests for details of the crash.

But, according to the Riverside County Coroner's office, both were transported to Desert Regional Medical Center, in Palm Springs, after the crash. Dennis McDougal died in the hospital on March 22, and Sharon McDougal, 76, died in the same hospital on March 24.

Dennis McDougal, a Pasadena native, was a well-known journalist and author who devoted much of his career to covering Hollywood, crime and media. He penned 14 books, ranging from deep-dives into infamous true crime cases to stories chronicling the scandalous lives of media industry moguls.

He and his wife — an Oakland native who grew up splitting time between the Bay Area and Southern California — were married for 35 years, their

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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Long Beach, Compton districts form group to help athletics

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The Long Beach Unified and Compton Unified school district announced the formation of a new partnership this week that's intended to elevate high school athletics in the region.

The partnership, dubbed the SoCal Legacy Association, includes Long Beach Unified's Harry J. Moore League and Compton Unified's newly formed Hub City League. The SoCal Legacy Association is designed to build on each league's commitment to "competitive equity, strengthen athletic programs, and expand opportunities for student-athletes," according to a March 17 news release from both districts.

Competitive equity refers to creating a fair and balanced playing field on which teams have a reasonable chance of competing for championships based on their ability and resources.

The leagues are organized as a unit of the CIF Southern Section in order to direct and control the interscholastic sports programs of the member schools in a way that best promotes the interest of all students, officials said.

"We are excited about the creation of the SoCal Legacy Association and the opportunities it will bring to student-ath-



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letes in both the Moore League and the Hub City League," Bill Salas, program administrator of K-12 sports and recreation at Long Beach Unified, said in a written statement. "This partnership will

strengthen our programs, promote competitive equity, and expand pathways for success.

"We look forward to working together and welcoming additional schools to

build a stronger future for high school athletics."

By joining forces, district officials said, the association will be committed to creating a fair competition and a supportive environment where student-athletes can thrive. Each district will continue to strengthen its own programs while working together to build greater competitive equity.

Officials will also invite additional schools that wish to be part of the association, broadening the community and enhancing the overall athletic experience, according to a Long Beach Unified press release.

"We look forward to a season of growth, opportunity, success and a brighter future for our athletic community," Long Beach Unified and Compton Unified press releases said.

The association will roll out its official plan at the start of the 2026-27 season, with additional details to be shared with member schools.

Long Beach Unified's high schools part of the Moore League include Cabrillo, Jordan, Lakewood, Millikan, Poly and Wilson.

Compton Unified's newly formed Hub City League includes its four high schools: Centennial, Compton, Compton Early College and Dominguez.

## Cambodia

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emonies, cultural performances and educational exhibits.

"This solemn remembrance underscores the importance of preserving history, fostering healing and ensuring that future generations continue to learn from the past," San said. "As the Cambodian community reflects on five decades since this tragic chapter, the parade and

festival serve as a testament to strength, resilience and cultural pride, bringing people together to celebrate heritage while honoring those who came before."

The Cambodia Town Parade and Culture Festival was originally established in 2005 after years of advocacy from community members who wanted to keep Cambodian culture and heritage alive in America, according to the event's website.

It's among the largest Cambodian cultural events in the U.S., according to San, and draws thousands to Long Beach every year.

"The parade is a symbol of survival and renewal," San said. "It serves as a platform to educate the public about Cambodian history, including the legacy of the Cambodian Genocide, while also highlighting the vibrant contributions of Cambodian Americans to the city's social, economic and cultural fabric."

Besides the celebration, San said, the parade and festival offer an important opportunity for cultural exchange and civic engagement in Long Beach. This year's parade theme, "We Are Stronger

When We Celebrate Together," pays tribute to that aspect of the event.

With the Cambodian genocide's anniversary, San said, the ultimate goal of the parade and culture festival — to preserve Cambodian heritage — is even more important this year.

"Through remembrance, education and celebration," San said, "the event continues to inspire resilience and pride in the Cambodian American identity."

For more information about the Cambodia Town Parade and Culture Festival, go online to cambodiatown.org.

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# CALENDAR

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## Today

**Adult Crafting Hour:** Presented by Long Beach Public Library. Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, 5870 Atlantic Ave. 5-6 p.m. Info: 562-570-1047, longbeach.gov/library.

**"A Tribute To Johnny Mercer":** Presented by the Long Beach Primetime Players. El Dorado Park West Senior Center, 2800 N. Studebaker Road. 2 p.m. Info: 562-476-1477, byrdbut2@verizon.net.

**Friends of Belmont Shore:** Learn about Belmont Shore history and see the first Belmont Shore historical plaque. Bay Shore Church, 5100 E. The Toledo. 6:30 p.m. Info: shorefriends.org.

**Trivia Night:** The Bungalow, 6400, E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach. Every Thursday at 7 p.m. Info: thebungalow.com/long-beach.

## Friday

**"A Tribute To Johnny Mercer":** Presented by the Long Beach Primetime Players. Silverado Park Auditorium, 1545 W. 31st St. 11 a.m. Info: 562-476-1477, byrdbut2@verizon.net.

**S.T.E.A.M. Friday:** With Shared Science. Brewitt Neighborhood Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Info: 562-570-1040, longbeach.gov/library.

**St. Joseph Parish Fair:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6180 E. Willow St. 5-11 p.m. Also Saturday, noon-11 p.m., and Sunday noon-8 p.m. Info: stjosephlb.org/fair.

## Saturday

**Art and Design Walk:** Presented by the Downtown Long Beach Alliance. 2-7 p.m. Info: downtownlongbeach.org.

**Sankranta Celebration:** Long Beach City College, 1305 E. Pacific Coast Highway. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Info: visitlongbeach.com/blog/sankranta.

**Easter Wonderland Tea Party:** Presented by 2ND & PCH. Noble Bird Rotisserie, 6460 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 125. 9-10 a.m. Info: shorturl.at/3Nddb.



Participants in the Parade & Cul

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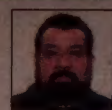
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## MUSIC HISTORY

# VIP Records unveils plans for a new museum

By Christina Merino

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World Famous VIP Records is most known for its influence on West Coast hip-hop, but it has also supported various artists and music genres throughout the years and is an iconic part of Long Beach.

The record shop's owner, Kelvin Anderson, wants to preserve that history.

At the record shop on Tuesday, Anderson announced the vision for a museum and educational center at VIP Records that would honor the artists and music that shaped a generation while creating a dynamic space for education, community engagement and cultural preservation.

"This museum concept, hopefully, I can get some support on," Anderson, 70, said on Tuesday. "Get everybody tuned in, and let's make this thing happen."

Turning the museum into a reality has started making progress, the owner said, as VIP Records has partnered with Creative Class Collective, a Long Beach nonprofit that creates culture through innovation and advocacy, to preserve the record shop's legacy in Long Beach.

"We are proud to partner with V.I.P. Records in supporting this transformative event, which represents a powerful fusion of cultural heritage and forward-thinking community development," Blair Cohn, executive director of the nonprofit, said in a statement. "The mission of CCC aligns seamlessly with Kelvin Anderson's vision for the museum and educational center, as both organizations are committed to preserving Long Beach's artistic legacy while fostering opportunities for future generations."

The museum, Anderson said, would highlight being the birthplace of West Coast gansta rap — where Snoop Dogg, Warren G and Nate Dogg got their starts



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From left, Tenisha Anderson and Latasha Anderson pose for a photograph with their father Kelvin Anderson at the World Famous VIP Records in Long Beach on Tuesday.



Snoop Dogg, center, speaks with VIP Records owner Kelvin Anderson, left, during a press conference unveiling plans to preserve and celebrate the history of the record store.

— and share the history before then, selling music that wouldn't be played on when the record store was famous for the radio.

The museum and education center would be an "all-in-one" facility that would not just be home to historical artifacts but would also have a recording studio, printing space and radio station that would teach youths the art of recording, creating music and marketing it, officials said.

"Thank you for giving us an option, giving us an avenue, and opening up your record store to us and our dreams," Snoop Dogg said from a video call during the Tuesday event. "So you got my support when it comes to the museum. I think it should be there; that's the birthplace of it all."

One of the first steps that VIP Records is trying to take to build the museum is buying the shopping center where the shop is located, on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

Anderson also shared updates on the iconic VIP Records sign. Currently, the record shop is working with the city to get the sign into public view again and create a landmark area for people to visit it.

Blueprints and renderings for the museum and education center were not available during Tuesday's event. But the goal is to make significant progress within the next two years, said Tenisha Anderson Laux, chief operating officer and Kelvin Anderson's daughter.

"Our mission has always been to support anyone that is pursuing the arts," Anderson Laux said. "Doesn't matter what music genre that you belong to, it's the fact that we love music, and we know the impact that music has on the lives of everybody. It's very important for us here in VIP to continue to maintain our position within this community and the communities abroad to be able to continue to support artists."

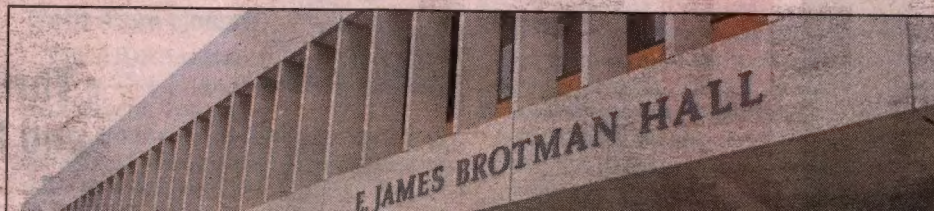
## EDUCATION

## CSULB students, faculty rally for undocumented people's rights

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Students and faculty at Cal State Long Beach held a rally on Wednesday protesting school- and system-wide budget cuts, and calling on CSULB to defend diversity, equity, inclusion programs, and undocumented



have access to a range of resources and support services."

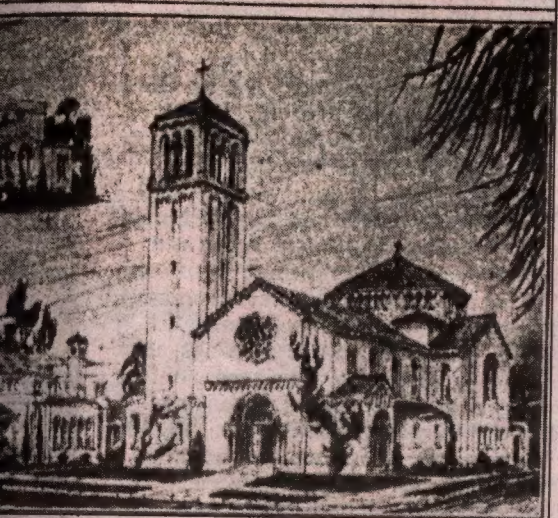
The 23-campus Cal State University system has around 9,500 undocumented students receiving nonresident tuition exemptions, according to CSULB.

Similar to other universities, CSULB has



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From left, Tammy McKee, Josh Ransdell and Ruth McKee.

Promenade at Mosaic, 375 The Promenade, every Tuesday in April from 4 to 8 p.m.

The series will take place at Promenade at Mosaic (375 The Promenade N.) every Tuesday in April from 4 to 8 p.m.

"Launching a business is a community effort, and we want to highlight the families, friends, mentors, and supporters who have helped our DTLB Food Series participants thrive," the organization's economic and policy manager Stephanie El Tawil said. "With both mentors and mentees serving up their best, you know the food is going to be unforgettable."

For more information, go online to [downtownlongbeach.org](http://downtownlongbeach.org).

## Art & Design Walk

The Downtown Long Beach Alliance will be serving up another event this weekend — as its popular Art and Design Walk returns.

This edition of the event will feature 50 activations throughout downtown, according to a recent news release, including immersive installations, live performances, artist pop-ups, and the DTLB Alliance's Spirit of Downtown Awards.



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Gianna Johns serving drinks at the bar at Due Fiori.

"We've got everything from immersive tech and waterfront-inspired exhibitions to hip-hop DJs and visual art pop-ups. It's a perfect day to experience the soul of our city and support the people who shape it."

The free event will get underway on Saturday at various locations from 2 to 7 p.m. For more information and a full event map, go online to [dtlb.org/art-walk](http://dtlb.org/art-walk).

## Chamber lunch

The Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council will continue its "Lunch and Learn" on April 10.

This iteration of the event will feature local business leader Michelle Manire, founder and president of Coast to Coast Conference & Events.

"Manire is a highly accomplished professional renowned for her exceptional contributions to the event and hotel industries," a recent news release said. "Breaking barriers, she was the first woman appointed as the general manager for two major hotel chains before founding Coast to Coast Conferences & Events in 1994."

The fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Members will receive a full workbook, non-members will receive a one-page overview. Registration is open online at [lbchamber.com/events](http://lbchamber.com/events).

## Going independent

Hotel Maya, as of April 1, has ended its partnership with Hilton — and will continue business as an independent boutique hotel, according to a recent news release.

The hotel, which originally opened in 1975 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary, also announced a "multi-million dollar investment to enhance Hotel Maya's distinctive style," the announcement said.

Those updates will include a refreshed lobby, restaurant, amenities, new suites, and a redesign of all guest rooms.

"This milestone marks a bold new chapter in the hotel's storied history," the announcement said, "redefining its legacy with enhanced style, curated experiences, and greater flexibility to cater to the needs of today's travelers."

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# City's newest councilmember working on priorities

Approximately 100 days in the position, Eighth District Councilmember Tunua Thrash-Ntuk shares her experience so far

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District 8 Councilmember Tunua Thrash-Ntuk has been serving her community on the Long Beach City Council for approximately 100 days.

In that time, the council member has begun to address some of the priorities in the district and city, including affordable housing and homelessness, public safety and small businesses.

Thrash-Ntuk, a nonprofit president and CEO, took over the position from former Councilmember Al Austin after receiving 56% support during the March 2024 primary election, avoiding a November runoff. She was sworn into office in December to represent District 8, which includes various neighborhoods, including part of Bixby Knolls, Addams, Dairy, Jackson Park, Coolidge Triangle and more.

The newest council member joins city leaders with nearly three decades of experience in the nonprofit and private sectors. She is a seasoned community and economic development practitioner, according to her biography. Thrash-Ntuk has also served on various boards and commissions, including as co-chair on Mayor Rex Richardson's 100 Day Plan transition team in 2023; as co-chair of Long Beach's Everyone In economic inclusion policy task force; and on the City of L.A. Measure HHH Citizens Oversight Commission.

Sitting in the recently opened Best Buy Teen Tech Center at the North Stars YMCA Youth Institute at the Carmelitos Community Center on Thursday, Thrash-Ntuk shared what she has learned so far being on the City Council. She also shared what she's proud to have accomplished thus far, and what she and her team plan to continue to do in order to support communities in the district and the rest of the city.

"I would say it's been a lot to learn in a very short amount of time," she said. "In

those first few weeks in office, I have made the commitment that we're going to have a district office that is going to be located in the district. I'm really looking forward to being able to have a community presence north of Del Amo, where the majority of the residents in the district live, so that it's accessible to all of the residents."

Thrash-Ntuk has been appointed to be the chair of the Housing and Public Health Committee. In the role, she is proud to have been able to work with the rest of the council to pass inclusionary housing citywide and begin discussions on how the city plans to use Los Angeles County Measure A funding to address affordable housing and homelessness, she said.

"Being on the council and (passing) a citywide inclusionary housing ordinance, that's a very, very proud moment," she said. "To be able to do that ensures that every single new development that now goes forward anywhere in our city must include housing for everyone at all income levels, especially those at very low-, low- and moderate-income levels."

Affordable housing being one of her top priorities, Thrash-Ntuk said she hopes to expand housing opportunities for all residents and bring more resources to make that possible. She said this includes bringing more support for public housing developments such as the Carmelitos, which the city, in collaboration with the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, uses to help house hundreds of families and older adults.

"I'm looking forward to working closely with the community and neighbors here to figure out what they want to see in this wonderful asset that we have in the Carmelitos," Thrash-Ntuk said.

Other priorities include revitalizing neighborhoods by championing small business growth through grant programs, enhancing public safety through community policing initiatives and improving infra-



PHOTO BY HOWARD FRESHMAN

Long Beach's newest Councilmember Tunua Thrash-Ntuk represents the city's 8th District.

structure, such as streets, sidewalks and parks.

Something the council member has learned that is an interest to the community is implementing more traffic calming measures, she said. While thinking about big issues — such as affordable housing and homelessness and creating a thriving commercial corridor — Thrash-Ntuk said she has heard several neighbors also want to prioritize this area of public safety.

With the city's Vision Zero initiative already in place, Thrash-Ntuk said she still understands people's concerns, especially having young children in the community, and plans to continue working with city

staffers to address these issues.

Thrash-Ntuk said she was also honored to be able to bring a motion forward to her colleagues to raise the Pan-African flag at the Long Beach Civic Center during Black History Month.

"We live in a time where it's so important that we celebrate all cultures," she said, "and that we make sure that everybody knows and understands that their history is an important part of making America what it is, and we are all a part of that in various unique ways."

One of the long-term goals the council member has is to engage and empower neighbors and neighborhood associations.

"I've been meeting with neighborhood associations to see where they are, what their issues are and what their needs are," she said. "The mayor hosted a citywide neighborhood association meeting. I was one of the few council members who went by. I engaged those who are from the Eighth District to let them know this is something that we want to do as well on the district level to make sure that they have what they need."

The council member and her team will also be working on a strategic plan for the district, which is anticipated to be shared with residents this summer, she said.

"With that plan we'll be able to elevate all of the issues that the community has shared with us," she added, "and we can start working on those things together."

Thrash-Ntuk also wanted to remind residents that council members are part of the community too. She and her husband are raising their children in North Long Beach.

"I think it's important for people to know that council members have families, and we have children, we're part of the community too," she said. "(We) are experiencing the very same things that folks are concerned about. This is my neighborhood too."

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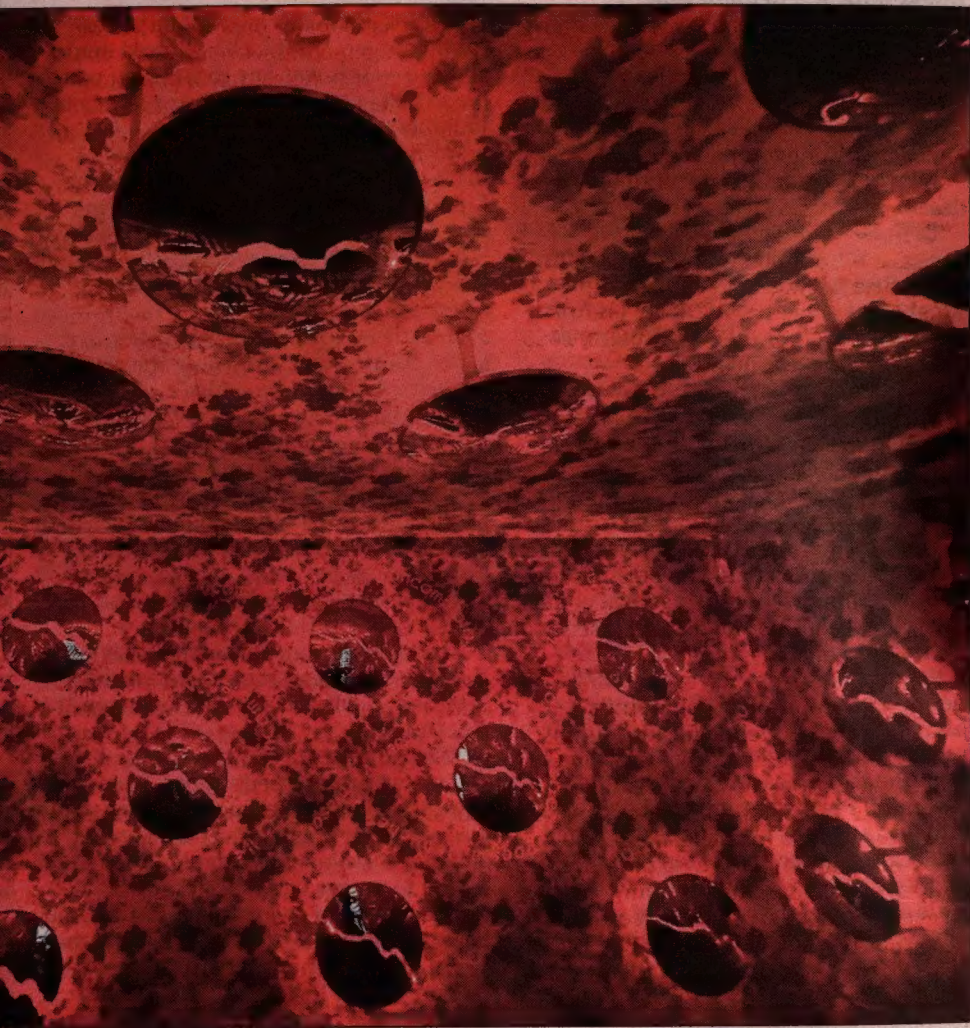
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3-day celebration from April 11-13.

This musical offering brings together world-class musicians, innovative performances, and a deep dive into the works of Johann Sebastian Bach.

The festival opens with "Bach to the Future" on April 11 — a fusion of classical mastery and modern innovation.

Christoph Bull, an acclaimed organist and rock enthusiast, will present a dazzling program of Bach's greatest works alongside pieces by Antonio Vivaldi and Felix Mendelssohn.

You'll also be treated to original compositions and musical mashups performed on one of the world's largest organs.

Oh, and a laser light show. Really.

Next up in the festival is Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," one of the most profound and moving sacred works in the Baroque repertoire.

This emotionally charged oratorio, which depicts the Passion of Christ through choral and orchestral arrangements, will be performed by two Baroque orchestras, a double choir, and a distinguished cast of American and European vocal soloists.

Finally, adding a unique dimension to the festival, David Harris will lead an exploration of Bach's influence on



"Dreaming of a Sunrise with Feathers in The Endless Spiral," by Betsabé Romero.

through the timeless beauty of Bach. Bach Fest events will get underway at both the First Congregational

## FOR A GOOD CAUSE

# Comedy show to raise funds for immigrant justice

Long Beach's immigrant justice organization, ÓRALE, will be hosting a comedy show this month to bring the community together to laugh — and raise money for its ongoing efforts to support immigrant communities in the city.



**Christina Merino**  
Columnist

The comedy show, dubbed "Stand Up for Immigrant Justice," will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 11 at the Art Theatre, 2025 E. Fourth St.

Each year, Gaby Hernandez, executive director for ÓRALE — an acronym for "Organizing Rooted in Abolition, Liberation and Empowerment" — transforms her birthday into an opportunity to raise crucial funds for the organization's initiatives. This year, it transpired into bringing a comedy show to the community, featuring local comedians and headliner Melissa Villaseñor of "Saturday Night Live" fame.

All proceeds from the event will help support the nonprofit's community defense network, a lifeline for local immigrant families facing uncertainty due to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids and detentions, organizers said. This network includes an ICE activity verification hotline, "Know Your Rights" workshops, and building infrastructure to support those directly impacted by detention.

"This isn't just an evening of laughter; it's an act of solidarity and community power-building," said Maribel Cruz, associate director of ÓRALE. "By joining us, you'll connect with fellow advocates who understand that immigrant justice is everyone's fight. You'll meet ÓRALE team members who work tirelessly on the frontlines, defending dignity and human rights in our communities. More importantly, you'll discover different ways to support immigrant families in our city."

The community defense network is about protecting and supporting immigrants, Cruz added. When ICE enforcement operations intensify in Long Beach, the network activates rapid response teams to witness and document said activity.

If a detention is confirmed, the network refers the impacted families to legal support and wrap-around services.

ÓRALE is dedicated to ending the criminalization of immigrants, and it

also works to foster opportunities for civic engagement, secure protections, and fight for policies that will positively impact the immigrant community in Long Beach and across Southern California.

The nonprofit envisions a world where immigrant communities "live in dignity, feel safe and have opportunities to thrive," according to its website.

"During these tough times, ÓRALE has been a crucial lifeline for the immigrant community in Long Beach and across (Southern California)," Cruz said. "We've been providing direct support through our Community Defense Network, responding to ICE sightings, and ensuring that people have access to the resources they need to stay safe and healthy. Despite the challenges, ÓRALE is committed to fighting for abolition, liberation, and a world where everyone, regardless of their background, can thrive."

The comedy show is meant to bring awareness to these efforts, organizers said. The show will also feature comedians including Vince Caldera, Saul Trujillo, and Angel Hernandez. There will also be a musical performance by Los Alamos, an L.A.-based doomsurf band.

The evening's headliner, Villaseñor, broke barriers by becoming SNL's first-ever Latina cast member. Now, she has voiced characters in Disney movies and tours internationally, headlining comedy clubs, theaters, and more.

"We are so ecstatic to have Melissa Villaseñor as our headliner," Cruz said. "Melissa has been on board since this opportunity was presented to her because she understands the importance of these types of resources for immigrant families. As with the rest of the acts, they have all been so great in supporting our organization. We are so excited for new audiences to get to see new comedy and musical talents."

Attending the event is a great start on ways the Long Beach community can show support to the immigrant community, Cruz said.

Community members can also support by attending future events, donating directly to the nonprofit, or becoming a volunteer.

Tickets for the "Stand Up for Immigrant Justice" comedy show are \$45 and can be purchased online at [bit.ly/oralecomedy](https://bit.ly/oralecomedy).

## COMMUNITY

# 7th annual Grand Prix of Long Beach 5K returns next weekend

The yearly event offers fans an opportunity to run/walk on the



PHOTO CREDIT: ÓRALE

ÓRALE will be hosting a comedy show on April 11 at the Art Theatre of Long Beach to raise funds for its Community Defense Network, which helps support immigrant families.



## BUSINESS BEAT

# Bay Shore Church celebrates 100 years

Bay Shore Community Congregational Church, located at 5100 E. The Toledo, is celebrating its 100th birthday this year.



Jo Murray  
Columnist

The church, originally named the Alamitos Bay-Belmont Shore Community Congregational Church, held its first service in what is now Friendship Hall in March 1926 — about two years after its developer and builder Warren McGrath began work on starting it, according to Bay Shore's website.

By 1929, the basic building — including the small chapel — was built, according to Linda Sumpter, who is assembling the church's history.

Two decades later, though, the original building had outgrown Sunday worship attendance. Church leaders, in 1949, envisioned building a new, larger sanctuary to accommodate worshippers, and by the next year, the vision was brought to life.

The church has continued to grow since then. In 1950, for example, the land for its Youth Education Center was acquired — and the community launched a fundraising campaign to build the new facility, which was completed in 1954.

The fundraising campaign was actually led by Don May — the founder of Leilani's Restaurant who also started the tradition of floating wooden Christmas trees in the Bay.

To celebrate its 100 years of history in Long Beach, meanwhile, the church will be planning several centennial events throughout the next year — including a Centennial Luncheon, scheduled for June 29.

Reservations to that celebration can be made in person or by emailing [heather@bayshorechurch.org](mailto:heather@bayshorechurch.org).

## No more omelets

The Local Spot, located at 6200 Pacific Coast Highway, has closed.

The business' closure marks the end of an era for the McKee family — who owned several local breakfast eateries in Long Beach over the years.

Ruth McKee opened her first breakfast place by the old Eddie's Market on Anaheim Street, but the family also owned Ruth's Country Kitchen, Egg, Etc., and several other spots over the years.

Following that family tradition, Ruth's daughter and grandson — Tammy McKee and Josh Randell — opened The Local Spot together 14 years ago.

"This marks the end of our family's breakfast cafes in Long Beach after 50 years," said Tammy McKee, noting that Randell had been running the business on his own for the past eight years. "Thank you to all the breakfast lovers of Long Beach over the years."

## Due Fiori

Due Fiori, at 2708 E. 4th St., officially opened March 26.

Owners Daniel Flores and Gianna Johns informally opened the restaurant to a hungry crowd last week, where they

## PROPOSED BAY SHORE COMMUNITY CHURCH



PRESS-TELEGRAM

The Bay Shore Community Church on May 23, 1925, in the Press-Telegram.



COURTESY OF TAMMY MCKEE

Ruth McKee with her 4 kids, Tammy, Pam, Bobby and Steve McKee.



COURTESY OF TAMMY MCKEE

From left, Tammy McKee, Josh Ransdell and Ruth McKee.

were taking food orders and quickly pouring beer and wine. The duo, amidst the rush, did pause for a celebratory kiss — it is an Italian restaurant, after all.

Due Fiori is open from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

## Thrift store closure

The AIDS Assistance Thrift Store, located at 2749 E. Anaheim St., closed permanently on Tuesday.

The charity's executive director Danny Johnson is retiring after spending more than 40 years supporting people with HIV and AIDS in Long Beach.

## Downtown foodies

The Downtown Long Beach Alliance has launched a food-based event series, dubbed "The Weekly Curve," aimed at celebrating the area's emerging food scene, according to a recent news release.

Each week, the event will offer attendees the chance to try a dish from a new Downtown eatery — alongside one from a classic local favorite, the news release said.

"This powerful mentor-mentee pairing ensures an unforgettable dining experience," the news release said, "highlighting the innovation and tradition that makes Long Beach a food lover's paradise."

The event will get underway at the

Promenade at Mosaic, 375 The Promenade, every Tuesday in April from 4 to 8 p.m.

The series will take place at Promenade at Mosaic (375 The Promenade N.) every Tuesday in April from 4 to 8 p.m.

"Launching a business is a community effort, and we want to highlight the families, friends, mentors, and supporters who have helped our DTLB Food Series participants thrive," the organization's economic and policy manager Stephanie El Tawil said. "With both mentors and mentees serving up their best, you know the food is going to be unforgettable."

For more information, go online to [downtownlongbeach.org](http://downtownlongbeach.org).

## Art & Design Walk

The Downtown Long Beach Alliance will be serving up another event this weekend — as its popular Art and Design Walk returns.

This edition of the event will feature 50 activations throughout downtown, according to a recent news release, including immersive installations, live performances, artist pop-ups, and the DTLB Alliance's Spirit of Downtown Awards.

"This event is about celebrating Long Beach's creative pulse," the organization's president and CEO Austin Metoyer said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JO MURRAY

Gianna Johns serving drinks at the bar at Due Fiori.

"We've got everything from immersive tech and waterfront-inspired exhibitions to hip-hop DJs and visual art pop-ups. It's a perfect day to experience the soul of our city and support the people who shape it."

The free event will get underway on Saturday at various locations from 2 to 7 p.m. For more information and a full event map, go online to [dtlb.org/art-walk](http://dtlb.org/art-walk).

## Chamber lunch

The Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council will continue its "Lunch and Learn" on April 10.

This iteration of the event will feature local business leader Michelle Manire, founder and president of Coast to Coast Conference & Events.

"Manire is a highly accomplished professional renowned for her exceptional contributions to the event and hotel industries," a recent news release said. "Breaking barriers, she was the first woman appointed as the general manager for two major hotel chains before founding Coast to Coast Conferences & Events in 1994."

The fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Members will receive a full workbook, non-members will receive a one-page overview. Registration is open online at [lbchamber.com/events](http://lbchamber.com/events).

## Going independent

Hotel Maya, as of April 1, has ended its partnership with Hilton — and will continue business as an independent boutique hotel, according to a recent news release.

The hotel, which originally opened in 1975 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary, also announced a "multi-million dollar investment to enhance Hotel Maya's distinctive style," the announcement said.

Those updates will include a refreshed lobby, restaurant, amenities, new suites, and a redesign of all guest rooms.

"This milestone marks a bold new chapter in the hotel's storied history," the announcement said, "redefining its legacy with enhanced style, curated experiences, and greater flexibility to cater to the needs of today's discerning travelers."

For more about Hotel Maya, go online to [hotelmayalongbeach.com](http://hotelmayalongbeach.com).



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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025054480  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Mariachi Long Beach**  
6510 E Spring St #363  
Long Beach CA 90815  
County of Los Angeles

Registered owner(s):  
Ian Souter

6510 E Spring St #363  
Long Beach CA 90815

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17917 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

IAN SOUTER

Owner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 3/17/2025.

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original Filing

Grunion Gazette

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 25TRCP00145  
PETITION OF:  
**Jesse Anthony Serrato and Jodi Jordan Serrato per Cayden Syre Serrato**  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: **Jesse Anthony Serrato and Jodi Jordan Serrato per Cayden Syre Serrato** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: **Cayden Syre Serrato**  
Proposed name: **Syre Cayden Serrato**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: May 9th, 2025 Time: 9:30am

Dept: 1 Room: 200

The address of the court is:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

One Regent Street

Inglewood, CA 90301

BRANCH NAME: INGLEWOOD COURTHOUSE

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

NEWSPAPER NAME:

Grunion Gazette

Date: MAR 19 2025

/s/ Hon. Tamara Hall,

Judge of the Superior Court

Grunion Gazette

Published: 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17/25

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025052636  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Summit Pristine Clean Services**  
263 N Kirby St  
San Jacinto CA 92582  
County of Riverside

Registered owner(s):

Summit V&A Services LLC

263 N Kirby St

San Jacinto CA 92582

Corporation LLC CA

This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

(A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17917 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

JOCelyn HURTADO

Manager

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 3/14/2025.

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Grunion Gazette

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 25LBCP00131  
PETITION OF:  
**Ritesh Varma**  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: **Ritesh Varma**  
Proposed name: **Marco Antonio Delgado**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 05/06/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m.

Dept: S26 Room: 5500

The address of the court is:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE

275 Magnolia Ave.

Long Beach, CA 90802

BRANCH NAME: South

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

Los Angeles

NEWSPAPER NAME:

Grunion Gazette

Date: MAR 24 2025

/s/ Michael P. Vicencia,

Judge of the Superior Court

Grunion Gazette

Published: 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24/25

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 25LBCP00095  
PETITION OF:  
**Erin Marie James**  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: **Erin Marie James** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: **Erin Marie James**  
Proposed name: **Erin Marie Loeb**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 04/11/2025 Time: 8:30AM

Dept: S27 Room: 5400

The address of the court is:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

275 Magnolia Avenue

Long Beach, CA 90802

BRANCH NAME: GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE

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NEWSPAPER NAME:

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Date: FEB 28 2025

/s/ Mark C. Kim,

Judge of the Superior Court

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025025891  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Oasis CI**  
2815 W Jefferson Blvd  
Los Angeles CA 90018  
County of Los Angeles  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number:  
AI #ON 202464810465

Registered owner(s):

Splash Bros, LLC

490 Post Street Ste 711

San Francisco CA 94102

State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant(s) started doing business on 02/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

(A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17917 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

SPLASH BROS, LLC

JOSEPH LE

CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Feb 7 2025.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025041456  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**His & Hers Trucking Company**  
5480 E Atherton St Unit 8  
Long Beach CA 90815  
County of Los Angeles

Registered owner(s):

1. Leotis Laird

5480 E Atherton St Unit 8

Long Beach CA 90815

2. Carlita Maria Ellis

5480 E Atherton St Unit 8

Long Beach CA 90815

This business is conducted by Copartners.

The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

(A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17917 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

LEOTIS LAIRD

General Partner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Feb 27 2025.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025030693  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**1. Oasis Laundry**  
**2. Oasis Laundromat**  
2815 W Jefferson Blvd  
Los Angeles CA 90018  
County of Los Angeles

Registered owner(s):

Splash Bros, LLC

751 S Weir Canyon Rd Ste 157 #251

Anaheim CA 92808

State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant(s) started doing business on 02/2025

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

(A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17917 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

SPLASH BROS, LLC

JOSEPH LE

Manager

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/13/2025.

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## Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
ANNE P. NEWMAN  
CASE NO. 25STPB03140

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANNE P. NEWMAN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KATHLEEN HANSEN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KATHLEEN HANSEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NANCY B. REIMANN - SBN 109536  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
DENNIS MICHAEL EISCHEN AKA  
DENNIS M. EISCHEN  
CASE NO. 25STPB03069

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DENNIS MICHAEL EISCHEN AKA DENNIS M. EISCHEN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CATHERINE SORESEN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CATHERINE SORESEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner  
MONICA GOEL, ESQ. - SBN 211549

## Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
ROSEMARY GOROSPE  
CASE NO. 25STPB02949

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROSEMARY GOROSPE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MAYA ORTEGA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MAYA ORTEGA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/29/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
WANDA VAZQUEZ  
CASE NO. 25STPB02993

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WANDA VAZQUEZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NYDIA STEVENS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NYDIA STEVENS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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## Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
MICHAEL G. CRUZ  
CASE NO. 25STPB02980

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MICHAEL G. CRUZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MELISSA CRUZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MELISSA CRUZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/17/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
ROSA MARIE PONCE  
CASE NO. 25STPB02792

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROSA MARIE PONCE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by EMMA MARIE PONCE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that EMMA MARIE PONCE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/11/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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## Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
JOHN DENNIS SCHULZ AKA JOHN  
D. SCHULZ  
CASE NO. 25STPB02571

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHN DENNIS SCHULZ AKA JOHN D. SCHULZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PAULA LYNN COHN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PAULA LYNN COHN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/08/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ  
CASE NO. 25STPB02699

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PIRROOZ KAZEMZADEH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PIRROOZ KAZEMZADEH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/10/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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## Legal Notice

## PUBLIC AUCTION/SALES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE  
READY STORAGE  
800 W.15TH STREET  
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(562) 491-5661

In accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 21700, ET seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California the website the public auction will be listed on can be found at <https://www.usstoragecenters.com/auctions> and will close on April 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM. General household goods, electronics, tools, office & business equipment, furniture, instruments, appliances, clothing, collectibles & antiques, and or miscellaneous items stored at 800 W 15th St. Long Beach, CA. 90813, County of Los Angeles, by the following persons: Estefania Aguayo, Mosqueda, Jason Michael Anderson, Kirk Swift, Eagle, Sarah Tusisalaue Fehr, Mario Ernesto Guevara, Kendra Darice Knott, Antoinette Tarkington, Kerim, Yasar, Rakiah Elisha Mesa, Brandon Jarrel Rhodes will be sold on an "AS IS BASIS". There is a refundable \$100 cleaning deposit on all units. Sale is subject to cancellation. Publish Dates: April 3rd and April 10th 4/3, 4/10/25  
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2022-TOYT  
VIN: 2T3C1RFV1NW215973  
STATE: CA LIC: 9CMR214  
AT: 7310 ETHEL AVE  
N. HOLLYWOOD, CA  
ON: 04/15/2025 10:00A

2015-CHRY  
VIN: 2C3CCAAG1FH859922  
STATE: CA LIC: 8RFX264  
AT: 7011 VAN NUYS BLVD  
VAN NUYS, CA  
ON: 04/15/2025 10:00A

2019-FORD  
VIN: 1FD0W5HT0KEC14076  
STATE: CA LIC: 31057Y3  
AT: 8144 VENICE BLVD  
LOS ANGELES, CA  
ON: 04/15/2025 10:00A  
4/3/25  
CNS-3911493#

## TRUSTEE SALES

APN: 7281-022-030 and 7281-022-031 and 7281-022-032 and 7281-022-033 Trustee Sale No.: D.077-947 Title Order No.: 251495CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/18/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Melcio A. Roque, Jr., An Unmarried Man Duly Appointed Trustee: PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC Recorded 1/3/2007 as Instrument No. 2007008411 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 4/24/2025 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$231,441.64 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 82 LIME AVE 5 6 7 & 8 Long Beach, California 90802 A.P.N.: 7281-022-030 and 7281-022-031 and 7281-022-032 and 7281-022-033 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you are aware of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 986-9342 or visit this Internet Website [www.superiordefault.com](http://www.superiordefault.com), using the file number assigned to this case D.077-947. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 986-9342, or visit this internet website [www.superiordefault.com](http://www.superiordefault.com), using the file number assigned to this case D.077-947 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you



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Tenants: Margherite Cermak, Deborah David, Ross Painton, Ryan Trimble

To determine eligibility and receive further information, please contact Monument ROW as soon as possible: Email: llores@monumentrow.com Phone: (949) 703-9782. Please reach out no later than [insert deadline, if applicable] to ensure your eligibility is reviewed. Monument ROW is assisting with relocation matters related to this property.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Store For Less - Lakewood located at 5400 Paramount Blvd. Long Beach CA 90805 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 4/21/25 at 12:00 PM. Kimberly Taylor; Dillon J Gambill; Lydia Avila; Brittney M Starks; Twyla M Mitchell. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice SecureSpace Self Storage Long Beach Orange Beach CA 90807 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageasures.com on 4/23/25 at 1:30 PM. Alvaro Martinez; Ramiro Minera; Rafael Hurtado; Angela Cooley; Sylvia Davis; Ronald King. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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## SUMMONS

(CITACION JUDICIAL)  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO) DIANE ANDAZOLA, an individual, JOSEPH ANDAZOLA, an individual, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 50.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): KAREN MONACO, SAMANTHA HUFF, MATTHEW MONACO, NICHOLAS MONACO as successor in interest for PATRICIA CHAPMAN.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): MATTHEW R. STIDHAM, Esq., from THE LEGACY LAWYERS, PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 18872 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 300, Irvine, CA 92612, (714) 963-7543.

Date: (Fecha) 12/29/2023

## PROBATE

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN F. STUHLSATZ

CASE NO. 25STPB03007

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STEVEN F. STUHLSATZ

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SARA K. CORBETT in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SARA K. CORBETT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on APRIL 25, 2025 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept.: "79" located at: 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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OTHER CALIFORNIA statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BAHMAN AZIMI

CASE NO. 25STPB03344

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BAHMAN AZIMI.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed

by SHEYDA AZIMI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHEYDA AZIMI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WILLIAM LOESSIN

CASE NO. 25STPB03277

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WILLIAM LOESSIN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROSELLEN RUSCONI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROSELLEN RUSCONI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/25/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/21/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ELOISA CHAVEZ SCHARNELL

CASE NO. 25STPB02841

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ELOISA CHAVEZ SCHARNELL.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KATHY DINE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KATHY DINE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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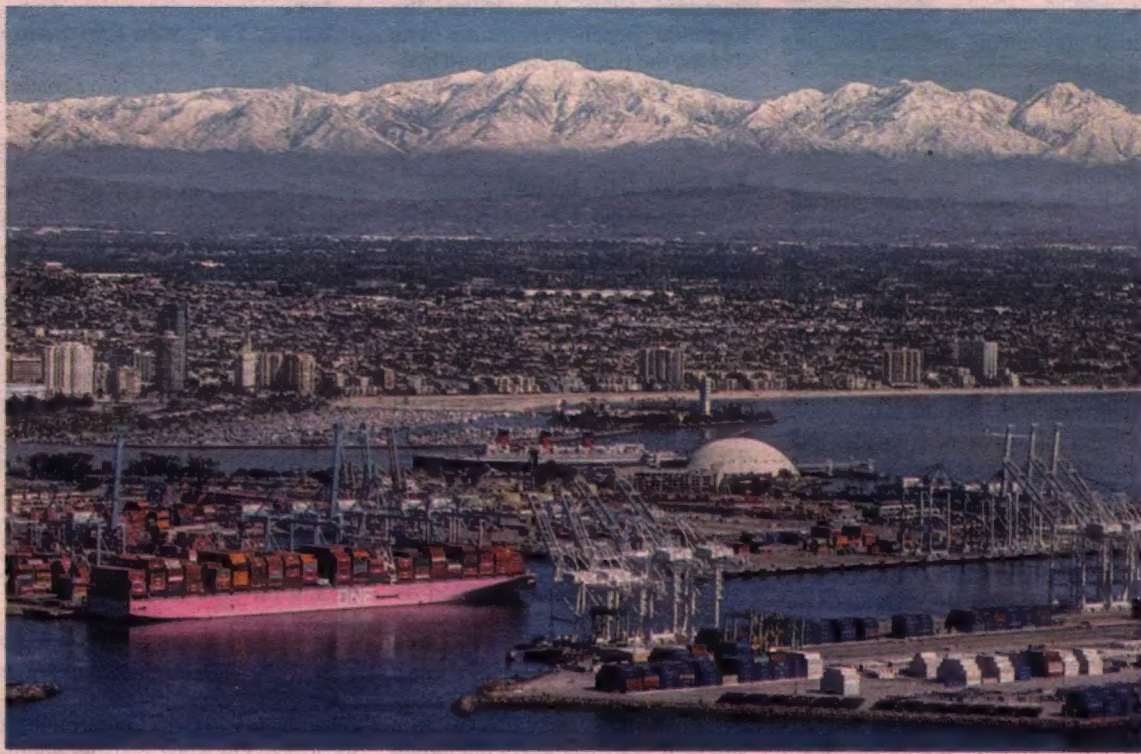
## Proposal to Ease Smog Checks for Classic Cars

By Jose Cervantes

A bill dubbed "Leno's Law," officially Senate Bill 712, has been introduced in the California State Legislature to revise the state's smog check requirements for classic vehicles. Sponsored by prominent car enthusiast and former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno, the legislation seeks to fully exempt collector motor vehicles at least 35 model years or older from the biennial smog check program without needing to be insured as collector vehicles which typically will require the car to be stored in a dedicated garage.

Introduced by Senator Shannon Grove, Leno's Law aims to update current regulations that proponents argue impose unnecessary and burdensome smog check requirements on classic vehicles. The bill's supporters believe this change will ensure these vehicles remain celebrated in California's culture and economy.

The proposal alters Section 44011 of the Health and Safety Code, which outlines the motor vehicles required to undergo biennial smog checks. SB 712 seeks to amend this section to include a full exemption for collector vehicles meeting the specified cri-



PORT OF LONG BEACH and beyond in October 2024 photo by Melina Tor posted on Facebook's Long Beach Photo Lovers page.

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Additionally, Section 4000.1 of the Vehicle Code, concerning requirements upon initial registration and transfer of ownership, would also be affected to reflect this new exemption.

The momentum behind Leno's Law stems from issues facing California's classic car owners and smog check stations. According to Mike Frankovich, in a YouTube video discussing the bill, the increasing difficulty for

owners of pre-OBD2 (On-Board Diagnostics II) vehicles to find smog stations willing and able to test their cars is a significant concern.

Smog stations are required to rent and maintain obsolete pre-OBD2 testing equipment. As the number of these older vehicles dwindles, the cost of maintaining this equipment falls on fewer tests, leading to rising prices and reluctance from station owners to conduct these lengthier tests.

Unlike modern OBD2-equipped cars that can be quickly checked by plugging into a diagnostic port, older vehicles often require more time-consuming dynamometer and EVAP (evaporative emissions) tests.

Senator Grove emphasized California's rich automotive heritage and the cultural ties these "rolling pieces of history" have within communities. She also noted the economic support of

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## Port Feeling the Impact of Trump Tariffs

By Jon LeSage

On March 4, President Trump's 25% tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico kicked in, with a limit of 10% on Canadian energy; he also doubled the tariff on all Chinese imports to 20%. All three countries have vowed to strike back against the U.S. with their own measures. In the Long Beach area and across the state, businesses of all types are feeling the impact of the on-again, off-again tariff disruption from Washington, D.C.

At the end of March, the president announced a 25% tariff on auto imports, which is complicating things for domestic automakers that import a lot of the parts and components that go into their U.S.-manufactured vehicles. The tax hike will be starting in April, which will likely bring higher cost and lower sales to automakers. Trump hopes to see more auto parts and components coming from America instead of what he's called a "ridiculous" supply chain in which auto parts and finished vehicles are manufactured across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The Port of Long Beach announced that trade continued rising in February for the ninth consecutive month, bringing praise and thank-yous from Port of Long Beach officials. Retailers continued to move goods in anticipation of tariffs impacting the market for a number of products and materials.

Dockworkers and terminal operators moved 765,385 twenty-foot equivalent units in February, up 13.4% from the same month last year. Imports rose 11.8% to 368,669 TEUs and exports increased 2.9% to 90,026 TEUs. Empty containers moving through the Port climbed 19.1% to 306,690 TEUs. Retailers continued to move goods ahead of anticipated tariffs placed on some imported products and materials.

"No matter the situation, the Port will remain competitive by delivering exceptional customer service and moving ahead with capital improvement projects that will allow us to grow well into the future," said Port of Long Beach CEO Mario Cordero. "We thank our industry partners for choosing to do business with us."

The Port has moved 1,718,118 TEUs during the first two months of 2025, a 27.4% increase from the same period in 2024.

Bonnie Lowenthal, President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor

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## FIREFIGHTERS URGE ACTION ON EMS SHORTAGE

By Jenna Birdwell

A growing crisis in Long Beach's emergency medical services was a huge topic at two recent City Council meetings, as firefighters warned that a shortage of paramedic units is putting both residents and first responders at risk.

At the March 4 City Council meeting, over 50 firefighters and paramedics demanded action toward councilmembers. During public comment, several shared stories of delayed ambulance responses due to a lack of available units.

The focus of their concern was Rescue 2, a paramedic ambulance unit currently operating part-time. Due to budget limits, the ambu-

lance has been reduced to limited days and hours. The firefighters called for the city to fund Rescue 2 full-time, 24/7, and to expand ambulance coverage across the city.

Shortly after on March 5, the City Council approved a short-term funding extension to keep Rescue 2 running through the end of the 2026 fiscal year.

At the March 18 City Council meeting, city staff and fire officials returned to discuss the next steps. Fire Chief Dennis Buchanan reported that restoring Rescue 2 to a 12-hour daily schedule would cost roughly \$419,000. But he warned that even that wouldn't meet the city's needs.

"To properly serve our city, we

need at least 11 ALS [Advanced Life Support] units operating 24/7," Buchanan said. Currently, Long Beach has only nine.

Lamont Nguyen, president of the Long Beach Firefighters Association, agreed and said the city's ambulance-to-population ratio is twice the national average. He estimated that at least 12 ambulances are needed to meet the volume of 911 calls.

Councilmembers recited concerns raised on March 4. "We literally ran out of ambulances yesterday," said Councilwoman Cindy Allen. "We're seeing this happen every single day."

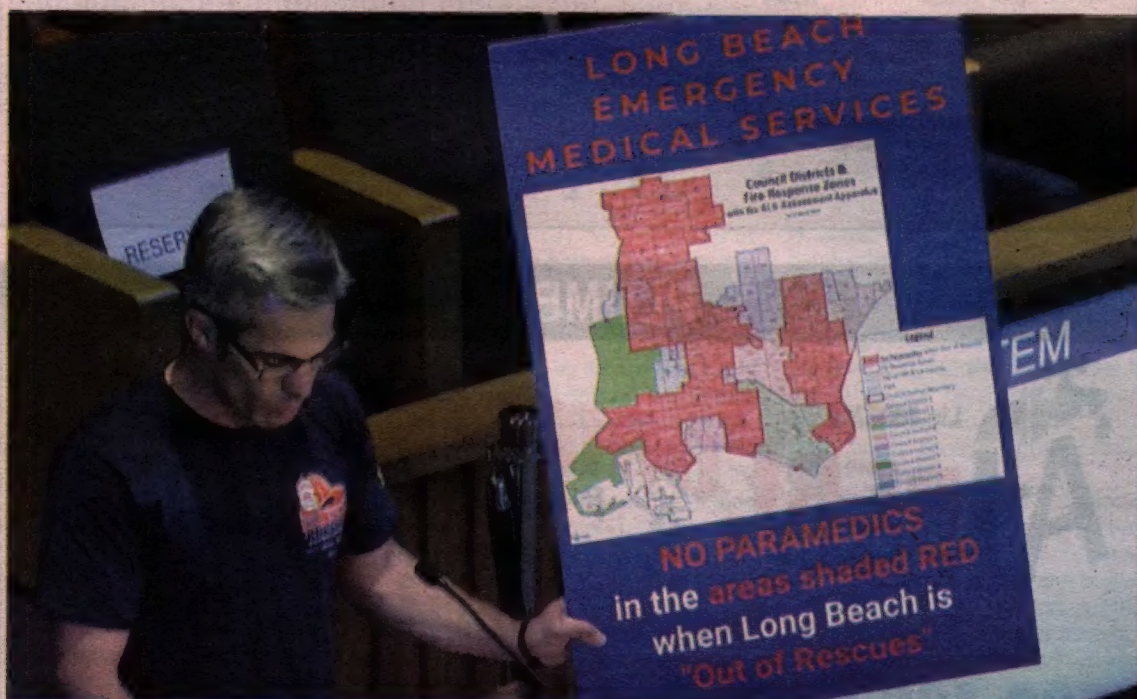
City Manager Tom Modica acknowledged the severity of the situ-

ation but pointed to the city's anticipated \$61 million budget shortage. He emphasized that adding paramedic units would require trade-offs, as the city can't take on new ongoing expenses without cutting from elsewhere.

Mayor Rex Richardson noted recent voter-approved measures – including Measure LB and the upcoming sales tax increase – that could be used to prioritize public safety.

The council referred the issue to its Budget Oversight Committee to survey long-term funding options for Rescue 2 and other EMS needs. While no final decision was made, councilmembers indicated a desire to expand ambulance services during the upcoming budget negotiations.

For now, firefighters say the staffing crisis remains – and Long Beach residents may continue to feel the impact when calling 911.



LBFD showed up at the City Council meeting on March 4. Firefighter holds up a poster showing how critical the issue is and where the demand is needed in the community. Credit/LBTV.

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### LONG BEACH TREASURES

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## BEACHCOMBING

If you have not already done so, please read the letter to the editor below. "Special correspondent" Colvin's comments are right on target:

- The "Town Hall" invitations were sent to Garcia supporters only. The news media was not invited.
- The audience was packed into the lower rows of the auditorium so that the camera did not show the dozens of empty seats. Garcia staff lied about the event being full, denying non-supporters.
- Garcia ignored the elephant in the room by not mentioning the \$136 trillion U.S. indebtedness as well as the current annual imbalance of \$4 trillion in income and \$6 trillion in expenditures.
- Garcia repeated the hackneyed lines about Donald Trump and Elon Musk "stealing from the poor and giving to the rich." According to Garcia, entitlements like Social Security will be gone.



Jay Beeler

Another *Beachcomber* "special correspondent" shared the following Social Security history lesson with us:

Cards up until the 1980s expressly stated the number and card were not to be used for identification purposes. Since nearly everyone in the United States now has a number, it became convenient to use it anyway and the message, NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION was removed.

Franklin Roosevelt introduced the Social Security (FICA) Program. He promised:

- 1) That participation in the program would be completely voluntary. It is no longer voluntary.
- 2) That the participants would only have to pay 1% of the first \$1,400 of their annual incomes into the program; Now it is 7.65% on the first \$90,000.
- 3) That the money the participants elected to put into the program would be deductible from their income for tax purposes each year. It is no longer tax deductible.
- 4) That the money the participants put in went to the Independent Trust Fund rather than into the General Operating Fund, and therefore, would only be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program, and no other government program. Under Johnson the money was moved to the General Fund and spent.
- 5) That the annuity payments to retirees would never be taxed as income. Under Clinton & Gore up to 85% of your Social Security can be taxed. Many of us have paid into FICA for years and are now receiving a Social Security check every month and then finding that we are getting taxed on 85% of the money we paid to the Federal government to "put away" on our behalf.

Under Jimmy Carter, immigrants who moved into this country began to receive Social Security payments at age 65, even though they never paid a dime into it.

April is National Social Security Month. As of December 31, 2024, nearly nine out of ten people aged 65 and older were receiving Social Security benefits.

By holding a fake Town Hall meeting, Garcia has denied your right to know his views on entitlements like Social Security, the budget imbalance, as well as a myriad of other important, national issues.

South Carolina Congresswoman Nancy Mace has offered a resolution to censure Representative Garcia for his reckless and violent comments advocating for the use of "actual weapons" against Elon Musk, calling his words the lowest form of political thuggery.

Garcia needs to address his lack of honesty and integrity or find a new line of work, so that we can all be proud – not embarrassed – by our national representative.

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*Jay Beeler*

## LETTERS

### Fake Town Hall

Well, it's a new low for Long Beach's consummate politician. Slimy Robert Garcia has outdone himself with his secret Town Hall.

Two weeks ago I began inquiring as to if and when Garcia would be holding Town Halls for the citizens of Long Beach to attend and finally have some questions answered. I called both his Long Beach office and his Washington D.C. office, and was told on four different occasions over the two-week period that I would receive an email with the information. I even gave them my contact information all four times, just to be sure – never mind that they already had my info, as I do receive his newsletters.

To this day I have not received any email at all! (And yes, I have

checked my junk folder.) I had also been told that I could only know the time and location of the Town Hall when I RSVP to the email (the one I never received). My last series of phone calls to both offices was met with "Sorry, the event is full and now closed and we cannot disclose the location."

So, not only as a citizen of Long Beach, but as a special correspondent to the *Beachcomber* newspaper, I was denied admission to a public Town Hall held by a publicly elected public official. I then learned that a reporter friend of mine attempted an RSVP and was ignored. So much for freedom of the press.

And now having watched the C-SPAN broadcast of what Garcia calls a "Town Hall," I see that my suspicions that I was being purposefully excluded were well-founded.

## Community Scanner

By Steve Propes

Tuesday, March 18

DeForest Ave. and 59th St. At 10:52 p.m., an investigation into a parking violation morphed into a seized firearm, which a man in a vehicle was apparently holding. Firearm possession trumped poor parking, a prohibited possessor pinched.

Wednesday, March 19

Walmart, 7500 block of Carson St. At midday, a small boy showed a twenty-dollar bill to a customer, asking for help picking out the right fish. Turns out the customer was the intended fish, as the object was the distraction for the purpose of pick-pocketing by an adult companion.

Thursday, March 20

Cedar Ave. and Anaheim St. At 12:23 a.m., a prohibited possessor pedestrian proceeded to take a powder, was promptly pinched with a firearm.

Friday, March 21

2000 block of W. 16th St. At 5:16 p.m., a man was stabbed with life-threatening wounds to the upper body.

Saturday, March 22

Second St. and St. Joseph Ave. At 2 p.m. a man got out of his car and threw "an incendiary device," a possible makeshift Molotov cocktail onto a blue Mazda behind him, which caught fire under the hood.

Fredrick Aaron Merritt, 58, was arrested near the intersection on suspicion of attempted murder, arson and possession of flammable material. Bail: \$1 million. No Teslas were damaged in this incident.

Sunday, March 23

Woodruff Ave. and Wardlow Rd. At 7:35 p.m., a northbound 2025 Yamaha YZF-R1 struck a 2006 Toyota Highlander turning left from southbound Woodruff Avenue to eastbound Wardlow Road, killing both the motorcyclist, Austin Patrick Fett, 28, of Lakewood and an elderly female passenger in the Highlander.

1500 block of W. 31st St. At 10:39 p.m. the unknown shooter committed a bang-bang, hitting no person, but attracting police attention.

Tuesday, March 25

Long Beach. At 12:11 a.m., a self-transporting man with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the lower body refused to share the location where he was shot.

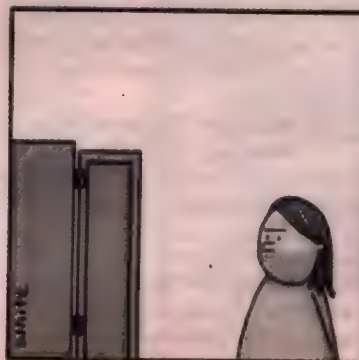
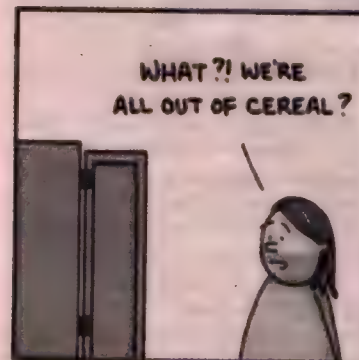
1100 block of Atlantic Ave. At 5:55 p.m., a teenage male was approached by a group of males, one of whom fired a shot at him causing a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the lower body. As the victim had a warrant for his arrest and illegally possessed a hidden firearm, after being medically cleared, he was booked. Officers recovered the firearm.

Given the dozens of visibly empty seats, the worshipful, obviously hand-selected and well-mannered (or should I say well-controlled?) audience, it is pretty obvious what is going on and that the public and press were never welcome. What is the difference between a carefully curated, invitation-only "Town Hall" and a private Robert Garcia rally? I'll wait.

Robert Garcia leads the circus of egomaniacal, secretive, performance-oriented, political clowns just looking for a bigger and bigger stage on which to perform, saying all the things we want to hear but actually doing nothing, and not giving a damn for the concerns of We the People.

And, Garcia is no stranger to ma-

## Whiteouts by Paul White



Wednesday, March 26

East 65th St. and Butler Ave. At 9:05 a.m., four teenagers, one of whom had a possible gun, ran into a home. A SWAT team arrived at 9:30 a.m. to encourage people out of the home by use of calls, flash bangs, tear gas and less-lethal weapons. At 1:20 p.m., three teenage boys and a teenage girl were in custody, the house was searched, two replica firearms found.

14th St. and Pacific Ave. At 10:03 p.m., the very active unknown shooter fired off his bang-bang thing, leaving evidence of his no-hit shooting prowess. No hit injuries reported.

Thursday, March 27

Southbound 405 Fwy. at Atlantic Ave. At 7:30 a.m., seven sedans crashed into an impressive line of wrecked motor vehicles in the express lane, tying up traffic in both directions for several hours. The requisite number of tow trucks were assembled to do their tow thing. Injuries and cause or causes were unknown, but generally, a rear-end crash points to the crasher, of which there were several.

Woodruff Ave. and Wardlow Rd. According to a Nextdoor poster, at the same intersection where two people died in a bad car-motorcycle wreck just four days previously, at 9 a.m., "a kid on a motorcycle ran a red light and proceeded to ride at speed doing a wheelie. Are parents not teaching their kids basic road safety?" Apparently, no.

Friday, March 28

Seventh St. and Termino Ave. At 2:40 p.m. police pursuit of a heavy-duty work truck into Long Beach via the 605 and 22 Freeways. Found by a cell phone with a tracking device. Westbound, the truck sideswiped or rammed 13 vehicles like those waiting for the light at Bellflower Boulevard. With heavy traffic near Recreation Park and Wilson High School, it crashed into an SUV and a van at Termino Avenue where it end-

ed. The driver walked up Mira Mar Avenue, where he was tackled by a team of LAPD officers, injuring one tacking officer. Medical transport ordered for the driver, the officer and the person in the SUV.

Saturday, March 29

100 block of West 49th St. At 12:20 a.m., a man with a non-life-threatening stab wound to the lower body un-cooperated as did a missing crime scene.

2100 block of Ocean Blvd. At 4:54 a.m., shots fired from a light colored sedan occupied twice in the Junipero beach lot with no apparent victim. At 5:19 a.m., police pulled over a three-person vehicle matching the description near the lot, results unknown.

Sunday, March 30

3700 block of Anaheim St. At 4:24 a.m., shooting with a woman self-transported to a hospital with a non-life-threatening wound to the upper body.

Atlantic Ave. and Market St. At 7 p.m., a man heard noises, then noticed it was him with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the lower body, thus he self-transported to the hospital. No crime scene found.

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nipulation. Like a snake that sheds its skin, remember that just before he ran for Mayor of Long Beach as a Democrat, he was an active Republican: California Youth Coordinator for George W. Bush's presidential campaign, Founder of the Long Beach Young Republicans, and he ran Republican Frank Colonna's 2006 Long Beach mayoral campaign. (See the "Past Republican Activism" section of the Robert Garcia article on Wikipedia.)

Clearly, he has no compunctions about switching sides when it may prove to further his ambitions. I am quite sure there is a seat reserved for Robert Garcia at Donald Trump's table.

Merry Colvin



## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Republican Women Meet

Greater Long Beach Republican Women will hold their monthly meeting Saturday, April 12, at The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach. Registration is at 9 a.m. and buffet breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

Guest speaker is Dr. Wen Chen, a biologist and information scientist at Cal Tech for 25 years. She is a renowned expert on communism and Chinese culture. Her topic is All Things China.

Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. For a reservation, call Sandy Dubrowskij (562) 310-4283 or email glbrw2024@gmail.com.

## Distinguished Speakers

The Distinguished Speaker Series presents three must-see voices offering expert analysis on the future of politics, economics, technology and health. Zanny Minton Beddoes appears on April 24; Emily Chang on May 22; and Dr. Sanjay Gupta on June 10. All three are speaking live at the Long Beach Terrace Theater.

These experts will tackle the critical issues shaping our world, from economic uncertainties to technology's impact on politics and public health. Don't miss your chance to gain essential insights and understand the forces driving today's volatile landscape. Secure your seat now – subscription packages, pro-rated for the remaining three speakers, range from \$180 to \$330. Each presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.

"Come for the experience, stay for the conversation! We invite friends and neighbors to join our vibrant and diverse audience experiencing brilliant minds shaping our world. The Distinguished Speaker Series is all about learning from those making real change, tackling today's biggest challenges in politics, tech, health and beyond. Don't miss out – you can still get tickets and be part of something special!" said Kathy Winterhalder, co-owner.

Zanny Minton Beddoes, the first female editor-in-chief of The Economist, will take the stage in Long Beach on Thursday, April 24. Minton Beddoes, a trailblazer in global economics and politics, will bring her decades of analyzing the world's most pressing eco-

nomic and financial challenges to her upcoming talk. She will dive into how inflation, the rise of populist movements and the changing global power balance are influencing everything from trade policies to international relations, offering a clear road map through today's complex and turbulent landscape.

Emmy Award-winning journalist and host of Bloomberg Technology, Emily Chang, will join the Distinguished Speaker Series on Thursday, May 22, to share her unparalleled insight into how technology is reshaping the world. With her extensive relationships with top tech founders & CEO's, Chang brings a rare insider perspective on the influence of social media, AI and the growing power of big tech companies in shaping government policies. As issues like disinformation, privacy and tech regulation dominate the conversation, Chang's deep understanding of both the industry, its power players and its political implications make her talk a must-see for anyone looking to understand the digital age's impact on global politics.

The series will conclude on Tuesday, June 10, with renowned neurosurgeon and CNN's Chief Medical Correspondent, Dr. Sanjay Gupta's insights on the future of public health. His upcoming talk will focus on the intersection of healthcare, politics and policy in the wake of a global health crisis. With a deeper understanding of how public health issues intersect with political decisions, Dr. Gupta will discuss how today's political climate influences the health and safety of citizens worldwide and how political decisions have far-reaching impacts on public trust in science and government.

Audience members have the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with each speaker during a moderated question and answer session at the conclusion of all events. The Distinguished Speaker Series will be held at the Long Beach Terrace Theater, 300 E. Ocean Blvd. Each program takes place on a weeknight at 7:30 p.m.

The series is open to the public in subscription packages only. Tickets for the remaining three speakers range from \$180 to \$330 for all three evenings. Single tickets are not available. Subscriptions

can be purchased online at [www.speakersla.com](http://www.speakersla.com).

The Distinguished Speaker Series was established in 1995 in response to Southern California's need for an enlightening entertainment alternative. The Distinguished Speaker Series is currently held at four locations, the historic Pasadena Civic Auditorium, the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, the Bank of America Thousand Oaks Performing Arts Center and the Terrace Theater in Long Beach.

## To Save Our Coast

Without the Coastal Act, California's coast would look very different than it does today and there would be far less public access. Thus, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust will be hosting a screening of "To Save Our Coast" on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at the Art Theatre of Long Beach. Tickets cost \$10 (free for students).

This documentary tells the story of that historic grassroots campaign through the voices of those who waged it, showing how a diverse group of underdogs took on the state's most powerful corporations to save the California coast for the people.

You be able to view the film and hear guest speakers, including Todd and Heidi Holmes, the filmmakers, as well as Sarah Christie, legislative director for the California Coastal Commission.

## Summer Day Camps

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will offer Summer Aquatics and Park Day Camps from June 16 through August 22. Registration begins Saturday, April 12 at 9 a.m., online at [LB-Parks.org](http://LB-Parks.org).

Youth ages 5 to 12 will enjoy games, crafts, physical fitness, enrichment activities and more. Summer Park Camps will operate Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for those enrolled in extended care. The weekly cost is \$115 for regular day and \$150 for extended care.

The Summer Park Day Camps will take place at the following sites:

- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.

- El Dorado Park West, 2800 N. Studebaker Rd.
- Pan American Park, 5157 Centralia St.
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.
- Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23rd St.
- Veterans Park, 101 E. 28th St.
- Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Ave.
- Whaley Park, 5620 E. Atherton St.

PRM will also offer two aquatics day camps for youth this summer. The Belmont Junior Beach Camp, for ages 5 to 7, located at Belmont Plaza Pool (4320 E. Olympic Plaza), will feature games, crafts, beach play, songs, excursions, kayaking, canoeing and American Red Cross swimming lessons. Campers at Bayshore Beach Camp, for ages 8 to 12, located at Bayshore Park (5415 E. Ocean Blvd.), will enjoy the same activities as the Belmont Junior Beach Camp in addition to marine biology lessons.

The weekly cost for both aquatics camps is \$165 for regular day; extended care fees are \$28 for a.m. (7 to 9 a.m.) or p.m. (4 to 6 p.m.), or \$56 for both a.m. and p.m. extended care.

The online portal can be accessed through a personal home computer or smartphone, or at designated city self-serve enrollment locations. On April 12 from 9 a.m. to noon, PRM staff will be onsite with internet capable devices for families to self-register at the locations listed below. Staff will be available to assist with registration questions, but customers will be responsible for self-enrollment. These locations will open at 8 a.m. and registration for all customers, both online and self-serve enrollment, will begin at 9 a.m. at [LB-Parks.org](http://LB-Parks.org).

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Additionally, community members can visit any open Long Beach Public Library location to register at one of the available public computer labs. Open days and times

may vary per library location, so the community is encouraged to check hours of operation before visiting.

Financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information about these programs, including financial assistance, and other activities for youth, visit [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) or call (562) 570-3150.

## Visions of H.O.P.E.

The Long Beach Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presents Visions of H.O.P.E., an awards breakfast celebrating outstanding community leaders and scholarship recipients. The event takes place on Friday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m. at The Centre in Lakewood.

Among this year's honorees is Cassandra Chase, vice mayor of the City of Lakewood, recognized for her impactful contributions to the community. Proceeds from the event will directly support scholarships for local students and fund community service initiatives led by the chapter.

For more information, contact Breanna Niche Jones at [Breanna.niche@gmail.com](mailto:Breanna.niche@gmail.com).

## Celebration of the Child

The City of Long Beach will host the sixth annual Celebration of the Young Child from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, in Downtown Long Beach. This free event provides hands-on activities and showcases vendors who provide services and resources for children up to 8 years old.

The event will be co-located at Billie Jean King Main Library, 200 W. Broadway, and at the adjacent Lincoln Park. Free parking will be available in the Civic Center parking garage located at the corner of Broadway and Chestnut Avenue.

Late last year, the Early Childhood Education team conducted a community survey to gather insight into how this year's Celebration could best support child development for babies and young children. The survey, which informed this year's activities, found that families look forward to experiences that feature healthy food

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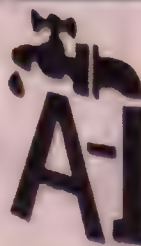
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## VIP Records Plans Museum

By Steve Propes

In 1962, a young Cletus Anderson arrived in Southern California, planning that if he didn't get a job in a couple of weeks, he'd move back to Mississippi. No problem. Within a week, he was painting planes at the Douglas Long Beach plant, then painting cars at a GM plant in South Gate. In 1967, Cletus Anderson began his chain of VIP Record shops at 108th and Broadway in L.A.

Having just graduated from high school in rural Brandon, Mississippi in 1972, Kelvin Anderson followed the example of older brother, Cletus, moving to the West Coast for a job at VIP Records. Arriving in L.A., he met his brother, who took him to breakfast. By 1 p.m. the same day, he was working at his brother's record shop.

In the mid-decade, VIP Records had a dozen stores owned and operated by Cletus or Anderson family members. In 1978, Cletus opened a VIP at Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach. The need for signage was solved when Cletus realized the former tenant of the space, Whistler Liquor had left a sign of a white cartoon figure whistling notes with a record-like background. That served as the VIP logo, which Kelvin morphed into a "brown" figure after buying the store from Cletus in 1979.

That was the same year the first charting rap record, "Rapper's Delight" by the Sugarhill Gang on Sylvia Robinson's New Jersey-based label hit the soul and pop charts. Their contacts with Robinson opened the floodgates. At first, VIP was the only West Coast store to stock rap records, according to Kelvin, who said radio station

KDAY picked up on rap. In short order, Cletus produced the rap hit, "Gigiolo Rap" by Disco Daddy.

With a DJ on staff, Kelvin Anderson exercised influence within the burgeoning rap industry. Several major hip-hop labels like Interscope asked him to opine on upcoming releases. Kelvin professed, "I can't write a song or play an instrument, much less dance, but I know a hit song when I hear one."

Into the late 1980s and 1990s, rap's reputation took a hit. "Too many young people died," he said. Radio stations were pressured to ban so-called gangster rap. That's when Kelvin decided to open a studio to change from "guys shooting at each other to making music together."

It worked. In the mid-1990s, an act called 213 recorded a demo at the VIP studio and Kelvin shopped it around to labels he was consulting for. All turned it down. Interscope said "it didn't have what it takes." 213 were Poly High students, Warren G, Nate Dogg and his cousin Snoop Dogg. Later at a party, Dr. Dre heard the demo and took Snoop to the studio for his recorded debut in 1996.

At a March 25 media event, Kelvin Anderson announced plans for a VIP Records museum and educational center honoring the artists and music of the past six decades. Not only would it celebrate the shop's trademark rap history, but soul, funk, gospel and other forms for which VIP is known. When he started with the store, he recalled "moving a lot of Marvin Gaye" records. As an aside, he cited his favorite artist as Aretha Franklin.

As rap caught on, Anderson created a special space for gospel buy-

ers who did not want to be exposed to some of the most controversial examples of the genre. But as vinyl, CDs and other tangible forms gave way to streaming, VIP's business slowed down and in 2015, Anderson closed his Pacific Coast Highway at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard location and put his World Famous VIP Records signage in storage. Later, he opened VIP in smaller space a few doors east on Pacific Coast Highway near Lewis Avenue. Plans include restoring and posting the sign with the landlord's cooperation or at a nearby public space.

Anderson described plans for a museum area for historical artifacts, a recording studio, printing space and a radio station open to youngsters in search of a career in music.

Anderson knows his limitations. "I can raise money for you, but I can't raise money for me. I'm just not good at fundraising and stuff." After the presentation and a short set by rapper/poet, Philosophy, horn player Dave Williams and guitarist Ashanti for the fifty-plus invitees, Snoop Dogg appeared by video call.

"Thank you for giving us an option, giving us an avenue, and opening up your record store to us and our dreams, so you got my support when it comes to the museum. I think it should be there; that's the birthplace of it all. Y'all up here at VIP gave us hope, y'all gave us an opportunity to actually make a dream come true, give us a platform to hear our voice for the first time on a cassette, to hear what we sounded like and what we meant to people. I think it should be there; that's the birthplace of it all, but, like I say, if they don't want to act right, we'll find somewhere we can put it," he said.



KELVIN ANDERSON in photo by Steve Propes.

As his presentation finished, Anderson pointed out the sign is only one of two official Long Beach historic sites related to the black community. Anderson said he would

like to find the original image of the Whistler Liquor sign, but whenever he checks an online source, it defaults to the "world famous" VIP logo.

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SEMA emphasizes that these vehicles are infrequently driven, meticulously cared for and constitute a small fraction of the total cars on the road. The association believes that exempting these historical treasures from smog

checks will ensure their preservation for future generations.

The bill is set to be heard on April 8.

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## How to Avoid Probate



## Proposal to Ease Smog Checks for Classic Cars

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the aftermarket parts industry for these classic vehicles, which supports thousands of jobs.

Grove stated that the current law is driving some collectors and related businesses out of the state due to these burdensome restrictions.

Jay Leno, a frequent collector with an estimated 180 cars and 160 motorcycles, has lent his prominent name and support as the official sponsor of SB 712. Leno highlighted California's historical significance in shaping car culture, fueled by the post-war hot rod boom and Hollywood's influence.

"From the start, California has been a driving force in shaping car culture, with deep ties to classic cars and a global reputation as a hub for these timeless machines," said Jay Leno in the bill's press release.

He argued that California's smog check laws for classic cars are inconsistent with those of neighboring states and do not align with the limited use of these vehicles, which are primarily driven for special occasions, weekend outings and car shows.

Currently, California law provides some exemptions from biennial smog checks. All motorcycles, certain new vehicles and vehicles manufactured before the 1976 model year are exempt.

Proponents anticipate several positive economic impacts from the passage of Leno's Law. California's specialty automotive aftermarket industry is a significant economic driver, generating billions annually and supporting numerous jobs.

According to the press release, this industry contributes \$40.44 billion in economic impact to the state, supporting 149,000 jobs, \$13.47 billion in total wages and benefits and \$6.16 billion in taxes paid. Easing the burden of smog checks on classic car owners encourages the preservation and enjoyment of these vehicles while supporting the restoration, maintenance and aftermarket parts sectors.

Frankovich also suggested that this could spur growth in the classic car insurance market, potentially creating new business opportunities.

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The way in which you plan your estate may be the greatest gift you can give to your loved ones. A well planned estate avoids aggravations, expenses and delays, which may mar the fond memories that could have been preserved.

There are several terms that come to mind in estate planning such as "probate," "estate taxes" and "inheritance taxes."

The inheritance tax for California was eliminated in 1982. We, however, need to be concerned with probate and federal estate taxes.

Probate is a complex way of proving a will, if one exists, and transferring title. It requires publication of the will and expenses, which become public record. Because of the court system and statutory waiting periods, probate takes an extended period of time.



Jennifer Sawday

## BITS 'N' PIECES

### Robotic Assisted Joint Replacement Surgery

The MemorialCare Joint Replacement Center at Long Beach Medical Center continues to lead the way in advanced orthopedic care as its medical director, Andrew Wassef, M.D., successfully completed his 2,000th Mako robotic-assisted joint replacement surgery.

This milestone highlights Dr. Wassef's expertise and skill and continues to position Long Beach Medical Center as a community hospital on par with major academic medical centers offering advanced technology, expert physicians and a compassionate care team. Long Beach Medical Center's pursuit of quality metrics, patient satisfaction and better outcomes, underscores this major milestone.

"Reaching this milestone is not just about the number of surgeries – it's about the thousands of lives we've helped improve through advanced technology and patient-centered care," says Dr. Wassef. "The Mako system has transformed joint replacement, allowing us to provide greater precision with less invasive procedures. With the help of Mako, we can take each patient's specific anatomy into account, resulting in better patient outcomes."

The Mako robotic-assisted system provides unparalleled precision in knee and hip replacements, tailoring each procedure to the patient's unique anatomy. By utilizing real-time data and 3D mapping, the technology enhances surgical accuracy, leading to faster recovery times, improved outcomes and greater long-term mobility for patients.

Dr. Wassef performed the 2,000th procedure on Jacqueline, a 75-year-old patient receiving a

Mako-assisted left knee replacement. After years of severe pain and limited mobility, Jacqueline is experiencing a recovery and is expected to turn to a more active, pain-free lifestyle thanks to the benefits of robotic-assisted surgery.

"Dr. Wassef was strongly recommended to me for his expertise with Mako by someone I trust, which made me feel more confident moving forward with the procedure," says Jacqueline. "His surgical skill is matched with his compassion; he genuinely cares for the patient's overall well-being, not just the joint. Thank you for his care, I am excited to continue with confidence and ease."

The Joint Replacement Center at Long Beach Medical Center provides comprehensive replacement services, including pre-operative education, personalized surgical plans and surgical rehabilitation. The center specializes in hip, knee, shoulder and ankle replacement surgery, led by top orthopedic specialists. Recognized as one of the week's America's Best Orthopedic Hospitals, the center is at the forefront of robotic-assisted surgery, offering innovative techniques for faster recovery and improved quality of life. Utilizing Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted surgery, they ensure precise recovery outcomes, with many patients moving the same day and returning home within two weeks.

### Internship Opportunity

The Long Beach Economic Development Department (EDD) in partnership with City Prosecutor Doug Haubert, is offering a summer internship program for students. The program will provide eligible high school and college students with valuable

## Sales Tax Increase

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email to the state tax department told city officials in an email.

Therefore, he wrote, the state would not yet begin collecting the tax.

In response, Long Beach sued on March 21, arguing voters intended to raise Long Beach Mea-

son's sales tax.

This is not the first legal challenge over Long Beach's sales tax. In February, the Long Beach Reform Coalition, a local citizens watchdog group, sued the city on similar grounds, arguing the state's argument, saying the tax change was illegal.

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options, hands-on activities and on-site enrollment assistance for programs. Families also expressed a need for increased resources addressing developmental and sensory needs, as well as safe spaces for children to play during the event and family resting areas.

This year's event will feature a variety of performances, including interactive live musical dance by Kids Imagine Nation and a folkloric dance performance by students from Cesar Chavez Elementary School. Also featured at the event will be Mika Storey, pediatric speech therapist and author of "Nixon's Engine Words," who will read her book and give a presentation about speech and language development in a child's early years.

Additional activities include music and movement for toddlers and preschool-aged children, read-aloud story times, a sensory exploration

and regional education centers, agencies and vendors who provide services to families and children up to age 8 will also be set up outside on the library terrace with educational handouts that promote healthy child development and resources for parents.

The celebration is a collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services' Early Childhood Strategic Initiatives program, the Long Beach Public Library and the Mayor's Fund for Education. To learn more about the Early Childhood Strategic Initiatives program, visit [longbeach.gov/earlychildhood](http://longbeach.gov/earlychildhood).

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world experience in the legal and justice career fields.

The six-week paid internship program offers participants exposure to various legal career paths. Participants will have the opportunity to attend legal seminars and court proceedings while acquiring practical experience by assisting attorneys or staff with administrative duties. They will also learn about the justice system and different roles in the field, including deputy city prosecutor, paralegal, law enforcement officer, crime lab technician and dispatch operator. Compensation will be biweekly at a rate of \$17.28 per hour, for a total of up to 160 hours, which includes 20 hours of paid skill development training.

"The city prosecutor internship was created to go beyond the typical internship experience and expose students to many law-related careers, while also examining the social issues involved in the criminal justice system," said City Prosecutor Doug Haubert. "Our program aligns well with the city's efforts to increase the number of internships available to local youth."

The program is open to applicants ages 16 to 24 who are currently enrolled in high school or college with a minimum 2.7 GPA. Priority will be given to applicants who are residents or students in Long Beach and those who face a barrier to employment. Participants must have access to a reliable mode of transportation. For additional information and to complete an application, visit the city prosecutor's website. Applications are available through Tuesday, April 8.

"We are focused on empowering youth by providing them with unique and invaluable opportunities," said EDD Director Bo Mar-

tinez. "This program harnesses the innovative spirit and passion of our young people while offering the essential guidance and practical experience needed to excel professionally and make a meaningful and long-lasting impact in their communities."

This is the tenth consecutive year the city prosecutor's office has offered this internship opportunity. The program has provided critical job skills and practical work experience to more than 100 young people, significantly enhancing the employability of participants. The program is funded by the Los Angeles County's Youth@Work Program.

For additional information about the program and other youth and adult employment services, the public may contact Eli Romero, workforce development officer, at (562) 570-3762 or Eli.Romero@longbeach.gov.

### Port Awards \$1.1M in Community Sponsorships

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has awarded \$1,138,300 in sponsorships to 320 local nonprofit organizations through the Port of Long Beach Community Sponsorship Program, marking the largest award and highest number of recipients in a single call to date.

The Community Sponsorship Program supports events and projects centered on the environment, education, social justice, the arts and historic preservation while also informing residents about port operations and initiatives.

"The sponsorship program provides us with an opportunity to showcase how the Green Port benefits the community while also serving as a partner to our local nonprofit groups," said Port of Long Beach CEO Mario Cor-

dero. "It's an honor to support the diverse programs and events staged by these dedicated organizations."

"Our sponsorships demonstrate a commitment to broaden opportunities that allow our community to grow and thrive," said Long Beach Harbor Commission President Bonnie Lowenthal. "We are proud to see how this program continues to flourish while supporting organizations that go above and beyond to make a difference for their neighbors."

The port received a record high of 345 applications in January for this round of sponsorships, 41% of which were first-time requests. The Harbor Commission has approved a \$3 million sponsorship budget for fiscal year 2025, with applications accepted in January, May and September.

The next open application period for sponsorships will be May 1-30. More information about the Community Sponsorship Program can be found at [www.polb.com/sponsorships](http://www.polb.com/sponsorships).

### Over \$200K to 3 Non-profit Organizations Awarded

Dignity Health - St. Mary Medical Center (SMMC) hosted its annual Community Grant Awards Luncheon this week, reaffirming its commitment to improving health and well-being in the Greater Long Beach area. The event, held at the hospital, showcased SMMC's dedication to addressing the health needs of the community. During the luncheon, the hospital awarded over \$200,000 to three local nonprofits, further supporting initiatives that positively impact the region.

"A core element of our mis-

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## Sales Tax Increase

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tration told city officials in an email.

Therefore, he wrote, the state would not yet begin collecting the tax.

In response, Long Beach sued on March 21, arguing voters intended to raise Long Beach Measure A to its full rate upon the conclusion of County Measure H, adding that voter materials in March 2020 sample ballot books back up this logic.

"The only reasonable and consistent interpretation of Measure A, as approved by the voters of Long Beach, is that when Measure H sunsets, the Measure A tax reverts to" its full amount, the lawsuit reads.

The two sides have a court date scheduled for May 15. If a judge refuses to overrule the state, the decision would deal a serious financial blow to Long Beach at a time when the city faces consecutive budget constraints, including an expected \$19.8 million deficit in the upcoming fiscal year. Delaying the increase until October 2027 would mean Long Beach could lose out on a combined \$60 million in sales taxes, according to the city.

"Millions of dollars in revenue for the city that fund essential government services to preserve the health and safety of the Long Beach community depend on the resolution of this question," wrote attorney Benjamin Ay, whose firm filed the suit on the city's behalf, in a Dec. 27

email to the state tax department.

This is not the first legal fight over Long Beach's sales tax rate. In February, the Long Beach Reform Coalition, a local residents watchdog group, sued the city on similar grounds to the state's argument, saying that the tax change was illegal because voters had not approved the increase going into effect before 2027.

This comes as consumers in Los Angeles County on Tuesday began paying the new county-wide tax to fund homeless services – approved by 58% of L.A. County voters in November – which amounts to an additional quarter-penny in sales tax on each dollar of goods purchased.

At the average cost of \$5 a month to families, the money is expected to generate more than \$1 billion annually, doubling the available funds for homeless services and affordable housing production countywide.

Long Beach, as a result, has a combined sales tax rate of 10.50%, the same as 38 other cities in California.

Nine other cities approved their own sales tax rate in combination with county Measure A, with the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale now collecting an 11.25% tax rate.

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